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Letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

I would like to bring to your attention a matter that is of grave concern to my Government.

During the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights, held at Geneva from 20 March to 27 April 2000, publications carrying the letterhead of the non-governmental organization (NGO) Christian Solidarity International (CSI) were, on several occasions, distributed to delegations members of the Commission, including the delegation of the Sudan.

The Economic and Social Council, as you know, withdrew the consultative status of the said NGO on 26 October 1999, in its decision 1999/292 (E/1999/INF/2/Add.3), upon the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/1999/109 and E/1999/109/Add.1).

It is our strong belief that the distribution of publications carrying the letterhead of an NGO whose consultative status has been withdrawn by the Economic and Social Council inside a United Nations building and among members of a subsidiary body of the Council constitutes a total disregard and disrespect for the Council, its decisions and its members, as well as for the Member States of the United Nations.

Gravely concerned by these extremely serious incidents, I am obliged to request a prompt investigation of this matter in order to identify who allowed the said NGO to distribute its publications inside the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. I further request that necessary action be taken accordingly to put an end to this pattern of irresponsible behaviour by the said NGO and to ensure that the repetition of such behaviour will not take place in the future.

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The Permanent Mission of the Sudan in Geneva addressed a note verbale to the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights) in this regard.

I would very much appreciate it if you could kindly circulate the present letter as a document of the Economic and Social Council.

(*Signed*) Elfatih **Erwa**
Permanent Representative